Tips to prepare for winter and prevent falls

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Every week, 179 Utahns aged 65+ are injured severely enough from a fall to seek treatment in an emergency department. Also, 61 are admitted to a hospital, and three die.

Falls are not a normal part of aging and can be prevented if the necessary precautions are taken at home and while you are out and about.

It is important to wear sturdy footwear that is appropriate for the weather. Check your shoes, boots, and assistive devices and make sure they are in good repair for the upcoming season.

Here are some other things you can do to prevent falls: 1)

find a good balance and exercise program, 2) talk to your health care provider, 3) regularly review your medications, 4) get your vision and hearing checked annually and update your eyeglasses, 5) keep your home safe and make necessary modifications, 6) talk to your family members.

The Davis County Health Department offers Stepping On workshops to help seniors learn balance and strength exercises, make safe home modifications, and learn how to work with health care providers to reduce falls. For more information on Stepping On workshops near you, please contact Morganne Housley at 801-525-5087.



SENIORS AT GOLDEN YEARS Senior Activity Center walk with physical therapist Amanda Thompson (center) during a Stepping On workshop lesson about preventing falls on uneven terrain.

Photo by Jessica Hardcastle

Caregiver support classes offered in two locations

BY MEGAN FORBUSH

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Davis County's Family Caregiver Support Program is offering an eight week class series for individuals who care for family members that are older and/or frail.

Classes will be offered at two different locations. On Tuesdays, classes are held at Fairfield Village (1201 N. Fairfield Rd. Layton) from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays classes are held at Golden Years Senior Activity Center (726 S. 100 E. Bountiful) from noon to 1 p.m.

A light lunch will be provided at the classes but

Thursday

AG - Tai Chi

9:40

Reiki (New) 10:30

GY - **Caregiver

Class 12

ND - Miles Coe

on the piano 12

AG - Food \$ense

Nutrition Class

w/USU 11:15

GY - Gardner

Village 9:30

Unclaimed

attendees must RSVP to Megan Forbush at 801-525-5088 on Mondays by noon.

Schedule: • Oct. 11 & 13: Cooking Tips for Cardiac and

Diabetic Diets - Jennifer Lingwall, Life Care Center of Bountiful • Oct. 18 & 20: The Attitude of Gratitude - Linda

Clawson, South Davis Home Health & Hospice • Oct. 25 & 27: Topic to

Be Announced – Nicole Van Tassell, Right At Home

• Nov. 1 & 3: Chronic Conditions – Morganne Housley, Davis County Senior Services

• Nov. 8 & 10: Caregiver Rejuvenation Event

Friday

AG - **Flu Shot

Clinic 10-1

GY - Water

Color 9

ND - Repre-

sentative from

mycashUtah.gov

11:30

AG - **AARP

Safe Driving

10-2:30

GY - Line

Dancing 9:30

Movie 12:30

15

Davis County's Senior Voice events organized for November

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Senior Voice events have been organized to educate and increase senior involvement in the legislative process, as well as provide information on proposed legislation and senior related initiatives.

These events will help inform you about the legislative process and how to effectively advocate for issues important to seniors. They will help you identify who your legislative leaders are and how they may be contacted. We will share the top concerns identified by Utah's seniors and provide tools to advocate and

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support seniors remaining healthier, independent, and at home.

The events are replacing the "Senior Day at the Legislature" activity. There will be a light brunch served. Dates and locations are:

 Thursday, Nov. 3, 10 a.m.-noon at the Autumn Glow Senior Activity Center (81 East Center Street, Kaysville)

• Thursday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m.-noon at the Golden Years Senior Activity Center (726 South 100 East, Bountiful)

For more information, please call Davis County Senior Services at 801-525-5050.

AG - Lifetime

Fitness 9

Bingo 10:15

GY - "Stage

Show" 11

ND - Brain

AG - Reiki 10:30 **GY** - Blood Pressure Clinic 10 Allen Birdsall on the piano 11:30

ND - Blood Pressure Clinic 10:30 AG – Lapidary

AG - Blood Pressure Clinic 10:30 Crossword 11 GY - **Legal

consultation by appointment

Davis County Health De-

partment's Senior Services offers a one hour free class about Medicare options, enrollment, and benefits.

If you are turning 65 or preparing to retire, please join us for one of the following classes:

Clearfield Library, 562 South 1000 East, Clearfield

Bountiful Library, 725 South Main Street, Bounti-

p.m. For more information, contact Marie Jorgensen at 801-525-5086 or *mjor*gensen@daviscountyutah.

Medicare Open Enrollment help available Oct. 17 through Dec. 7

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Medicare subscribers are allowed each year to make changes to their coverage. Getting everyone's changes finalized by early December ensures beneficiaries will have their updated Medicare changes in place at the start of 2017.

Beneficiaries need to review their Advantage Plans as well as their Part D (prescription drug) yearly as costs and covered services may change. Clients need to bring along their Medicare cards; all of the information pertaining to their prescription medications including name, dosage, times per day; any award letter from Medicare, Medicaid, or Social Security if possible.

Davis County Senior Services Medicare counselors are available during the open enrollment period by appointment (call 801-525-5050 for appointment) at the following locations:

• Tuesdays, Oct. 18 through Dec. 6 at Autumn Glow Senior Activity Center, 81 E. Center Street, Kaysville.

• Wednesdays, Oct. 19 through Dec. 7 at Davis County Health Department, 22 South State Street. Clearfield.

• Thursdays, Oct. 20 through Dec. 1 (except Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27) at Golden Years Senior Activity Center, 726 South 100 East, Bountiful.

• Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., (except holidays) by appointment only at Davis County Health Department Senior Services, 22 South State Street, Clearfield, 801-525-5050.

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